

Muskogee Cimeter.

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INDIAN TERRITORY NEWS.

A trades council has been organized at Ardmore.

It is said that the last Chickasaw legislature cost the nation \$50,000.

Delegate McGuire has introduced a bill to make Holdenville a court town.

Fourteen hundred and eighty votes were cast at the Democratic primaries at Muskogee.

Burglars broke into the Frisco depot at Chickasha and secured \$90 in cash and about \$1,200 in checks. Payment has been stopped on the checks.

A company of Pennsylvania capitalists will drill for oil at Ardmore. An expert made examinations recently and pronounced indications worth developing.

Wynnewood has let the contract for a system of waterworks and electric light. The work is to be completed by July 1, and will be a municipal affair.

James M. Miller of the Fourth district of Kansas was renominated by the Republicans to congress and instructed by a strong resolution to work for Indian Territory and Oklahoma as a state.

The Marietta Torpedo company's magazine on the Ballentine farm, about one and a half miles beyond Williamstown, was destroyed by an explosion of nitro glycerine, and H. B. Kerr, a shooter for the company, was instantly killed.

Owing to a shortage of school funds, Superintendent Benedict says a few of the smallest schools in the territory will be closed for the season, as many of the children would be used in the fields and a small attendance would result.

There are about 200,000 patents to land in Indian Territory. When statehood arrives the legislature will probably have to pass a law authorizing counties to get abstracts to all the land in their boundaries. The only records of these patents are with the Dawes commission at Muskogee, and will take miles of clerical work to get them transcribed properly.

The attorney general has rendered an opinion which holds that no intermarried white citizen of the Choctaw or Chickasaw nation who was married to an Indian between July 1 and September 1902, is entitled to enrollment and allotment. About fifty whites have been admitted to the rolls and given allotments, and endless litigation is bound to ensue.

The street railway company just building to Chickasha has purchased about 100 acres of ground adjoining the city and will begin at once to convert it into a park. Natural springs furnish water which will be utilized to supply an artificial lake, with pleasure boats, bathing houses, etc. A race course, ball park and other attractions will be put in. The street car line will connect with the park.

DACHSHUND A GOOD FIGHTER

The good-natured, philosophic German dachshund has always been regarded as more or less of a joke in this country. Even in the Fatherland he is a staple for jesting. His elongated body, his crooked legs, his animated tail, his resemblance to a sausage—who could fail to make some sort of joke about a dachshund?

But the dachshund has a very serious side, and a work in life.

"Dachshund" means "badger-dog." Now, the badger is an animal that, generally speaking, needs neither game laws nor sympathy, because he is able to take care of himself and fight his own battles. Naturalists place him as a link between the bear family and the weasels. He has about all the strenuous characteristics of both, with some of his own in addition.

Badger-baiting was formerly a barbarous rustic sport that drew trade to country inns and taverns. A badger was placed in a barrel and the man whose dog could bring him out got a prize. A single dog seldom did it. A full pack might—sometimes. The

badger is a tremendous burrower, and the jolly dachshund of the jokes has been trained for centuries in Germany to go into his burrows like a ferret after rats and drive the badger out or fight him. In some German and Austrian cities there were formerly badger-baiting tournaments in which crack dachshunds entered a pit with an able-bodied badger and fought for points. It is said that such contests are still held in Vienna. For spirit, endurance and agility the dachshund has no peer in this work, and a bulldog pitted against a badger would probably find himself cutting a poor figure.

So, to make the jokes about the dachshund if you will, but give him credit for his prowess, and for that gentleness, characteristic also of the best bulldogs, that makes either an affectionate companion to man and a loyal playmate to children. Give the dachshund credit, too, for intelligence. He has it in large degree. Few dogs are keener, and probably his acumen is such that he even sees a good many of the dachshund jokes.

SUNLIGHT AND THE HOUSE

Sunlight is nature's most health-giving scavenger. A house without sunlight is unhealthy and unsafe for human occupancy and it is necessary not only to have some sunlight, but to have as much of it as possible. It is, of course, not feasible to admit the direct rays of the sun to every room of a house; the typical plan of all houses is square or rectangular, and at least one side of the house is entirely beyond the reach of the sun.

The other three sides, however, can receive more or less direct sunlight and the problem of the plan is thus reduced to arranging the various rooms so that the amount of sunlight is adjusted to their uses, and it must be sunlight, for mere light itself is not sufficient; the rays of the sun have curative and cleansing properties that nothing else has.

It is generally admitted that a southern exposure is the best for all houses and should be obtained whenever possible. It is immaterial whether the entrance is placed on this side or not, so long as the rooms most in use open onto the house.

In dwellings of average size the entrance front will also be the front on which any important room opens, but in large country houses, the old distinction of a front and back to a house has disappeared and instead we have the entrance front and the garden front; the service and servants' quarters, so long regarded as characteristic of the "back" of a house, may be relegated to a side end or placed in a wing that abuts directly on the entrance front. In such cases it must be well screened, and its purpose thoroughly subordinated.—American Homes and Gardens.

BOOKS HAD DOUBLE USE

The following incident, illustrating the rough humor of the late "Luke" Poland, then a congressman from Vermont, was related to me a number of years ago by our family physician, says a writer in an eastern publication.

I had been ill a number of days with tonsillitis, and had reached the restless stage of convalescence, when the doctor called one morning and found me propped against the pillows and deeply interested in a paper-covered volume of the yellow variety. My mother attempted to apologize for the cheap character of my literature, but was interrupted by the doctor, who laughingly exclaimed: "Oh, let him read anything he wants to, if it will only keep him quiet."

"And, do you know," he continued, "I read some pretty cheap looking

stuff myself, especially on a train. I hardly ever come home from a trip that I don't bring a cheap novel with me, and sometimes I am so ashamed of the bloom and thunder stories that I tear the covers before taking the book home."

"I remember once when going from Rutland to Burlington, Vt., I noticed Congressman Luke Poland sitting a few seats in front of me with a novel he had purchased of the train boy. At the next stop I left my seat, and, stopping beside him, said: 'Good morning, Mr. Poland. I see you have my bad habit of reading cheap literature on the train.'

"'Yes,' he replied, 'I confess I do read some worthless trash on the train, but it passes the time, you know, and, besides, some d— fool doesn't come and talk to you.'"

BOY INSISTED ON PIANO

Some funny stories get mixed up with the pathetic ones in the annals of the charity workers of the city of New York. Dr. H. S. Oppenheimer, chairman of the Gramercy district committee of the charity organization, tells one of a family which applied for relief in his district. It was an Armenian family, with a father 60 years old, broken in health, unable to find work, or to do much if he got it. The mother was also incapable of earning much. Two boys under working age had been practically supporting the family, but the truant officer had sent them back to school. An Armenian boarder was giving up his entire wages to keep the family from starvation when they applied for relief.

But in its investigations the committee unexpectedly came across an older

son, a good, steady boy, earning \$10 a week. His wages, with the boarder's, would have supported the family, but he had a fixed passion to become a musician, and was boarding with another family because they had a piano and would let him practice on it. He was perfectly tractable on all other points, but give up his music he would not. What! resign his ambition and ruin his life? No. The committee cast about and secured from an interested person the use of a piano. The boy was told that he could have this in his home free of charge, provided he would turn his wages into the family exchequer. He consented.

"And now," says Dr. Oppenheimer, "there is nothing the matter with the family except that they don't get enough sleep, as the boy practices at the most unseemly hours."

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Jiu-Jitsu Long Known in Europe.

A French teacher of boxing points out that an art of self-defense approximately equivalent to jiu-jitsu was known in Europe in the seventeenth century. Its principles are expounded in a work by one Nicolas Peters, published at Amsterdam in 1674, and bearing the lengthy explanatory title: "The Art of Wrestling, and how one can protect oneself in all kinds of quarrels that may occur; how one can with agility and rapidity repel all unfair attacks and meet one's adversary with science." The work is illustrated. The author apparently anticipated many of the characteristic grips of the Japanese exponents of to-day.

A Sick Room Hint.

If hot applications are required for a person taken suddenly ill, when the fire is out and there is no better convenience for heating at hand, a lamp chimney fills the breach admirably. Light the lamp full head and in a twinkling the chimney is hot and ready for use when wrapped in a woolen cloth. A stove lid answers the same purpose when the fire has been retained.

Birds Nest in English Church.

Birds nest freely in the rafters of the ancient parish church at Ivychurch, Kent. During the services the birds flit to and fro from pew to pew, and are often fed by bread-crumbs brought in the pockets of the worshippers.

GRAND TO LIVE.

And the Last Laugh is Always the Best.

"Six months ago I would have laughed at the idea that there could be anything better for a table beverage than coffee," writes an Ohio woman—"now I laugh to know there is."

"Since childhood I drank coffee as freely as any other member of the family. The result was a puny, sickly girl, and as I grew into womanhood I did not gain in health, but was afflicted with heart trouble, a weak and disordered stomach, wrecked nerves and a general breaking down, till last winter, at the age of 38 I seemed to be on the verge of consumption. My friends greeted me with 'How bad you look! What a terrible color!' and this was not very comforting."

"The doctors and patent medicines did me absolutely no good. I was thoroughly discouraged."

"Then I gave up coffee and commenced Postum Food Coffee. At first I didn't like it, but after a few trials and following the directions exactly, it was grand. It was refreshing and satisfying. In a couple of weeks I noticed a great change. I became stronger, my brain grew clearer, I was not troubled with forgetfulness as in coffee times, my power of endurance was more than doubled. The heart trouble and indigestion disappeared and my nerves became steady and strong."

"I began to take an interest in things about me. Housework and home-making became a pleasure. My friends have marveled at the change and when they inquire what brought it about, I answer 'Postum Food Coffee, and nothing else in the world.' Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich."

There's a reason. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.